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SUBJ: SITREP FOR 4 MAY 73

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAN THO 0277

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SITREP FOR MAY 4, 1973

1. SUMMARY: MR IV MILITARY ACTIVITY INCREASED SHARPLY WITH 85 INCIDENTS REPORTED. A VC UNIT OVERRAN A VILLAGE IN BA XUYEN, INFLECTING HEAVY CASUALTIES UPON CIVILIANS AND SOLDIERS. AN ICCS TEAM OBSERVED A BLOWN BRIDGE IN VINH LONG. GVN RESETTLEMENT TACTICS CAUSES RESENTMENT AMONG MANY VILLAGERS IN VINH LONG. END SUMMARY.

2. SECURITY SITUATION: (A) MILITARY ACTION IN MR IV INCREASED DRAMATICALLY MAY 3 WITH 85 INCIDENTS REPORTED, COMPARED TO 64 THE PREVIOUS DAY. ARVN REPORTED TEN GROUND ATTACKS, 55 ATTACKS BY FIRE, 16 HARASSMENTS, AND FOUR TERRORIST INCIDENTS, INCLUDING TWO BRIDGES BLOWN. CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE SUFFERED THE MOST

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INCIDENTS, 35, AND KIEN PHONG REPORTED 18. RVNAF LOSSES INCLUDED
23 KILLED, 15 WIA, AND ONE MISSING. MR IV CLAIMED 56 VC/ NVA DEAD.
(B) THE BLOODIEST GROUND ATTACK OCCURRED IN GIA HOA VILLAGE, THANH
TRI DISTRICT, BA XUHN PROVINCE. A VC UNIT, REPORTEDLY THE PHU
LOI BATTALION, FELL UPON THE VILLAGE IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS
OF MAY 3, OVERRAN AIS-
TRIBUTION OF IMPORTED DUBBED FILMS, DUBBING LICENSE FEES
AND PRICE AND RENTAL CEILINGS. RUSH

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